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REPLY AND AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

This Reply and Amendment is a timely response to a first Office Action dated June 12, 2003 having a three-month shortened statutory period for response expiring September 12, 2003. In Examiner's first Office Action dated June 12, 2003, all of Applicants' pending claims (1-48) were rejected. In the instant response, Applicants have canceled claims 1, 3, 5 and 6 and amended claim 2. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-entitled application in light of the following amendments and remarks.